Reduction in foodgrains quantity under SGRY

†2384. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quantity of foodgrains being provided per person under Sampurna Grameen Rojgar Guarantee Yojana has been reduced;

(b) if so, the quantity of foodgrains being provided per person previously and the quantity decided to be provided now;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government are contemplating to increase daily wages provided under the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (d) There is no scheme, namely, Sampurna Gramneen Rojgar Guarantee Yojana. However, under Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), the Ministry of Rural Development releases funds and foodgrains to the districts covered under the programme for payment of wages to the workers. Due to limited availability of foodgrains, instructions have been issued to the States/UTs to provide foodgrains as part of wages at the rate of 3 kg. instead of 5 kg. per manday in 2006-07. The reduced norm from 5 kg. to 3 kg. per manday was applicable in the year 2005-06 also during 1.11.2005 to 31.3.2006. According to SGRY Guidelines, the wages to be paid to the labourers should not be less than the minimum wages fixed by the State authorities. Wages are to be paid both in foodgrains and in cash. Instructions have been given to States/UTs that in the event of non-availability/inadequate availability of foodgrains, wages can be paid in cash.

Flourosis Mitigation Centre at Gandhinagar

2385. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether establishment of a Flourosis Mitigation Centre at Gandhinagar is under consideration of Government; and

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(b) if so, the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The matter regarding setting up of Regional Flourosis Mitigation Center at Gandhinagar by upgradation of existing institutions is under consideration. State Government of Gujarat has already been informed to send a formal proposal in this regard, which is awaited.

Identification of landless rural BPL families

†2386. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified or are contemplating to identify the landless rural families, living below the poverty line for house allotment on priority basis,

(b) if so, the details thereof, as on date;

(c) the State-wise details of the landless rural families identified till date; and

(d) the number of houses allotted to the homeless persons and the persons living below the poverty line under various housing schemes, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Rural Development had issued the guidelines to conduct the BPL Census 2002 to identify the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in the rural areas who could be assisted under its various programmes. The uniform household schedule prescribed for the Survey includes the provision for collection of information on landless households in the rural areas. The results of the BPL Census could not be finalized as the Hon'ble Supreme Court had passed a stay order in a Writ Petition (Civil) No 196/2001 in the matter of PUCL V/s Union of India, which has now been vacated on 14.2.2006 The State-wise details of landless rural families will only be available after the results are finalized by the States and UTs

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